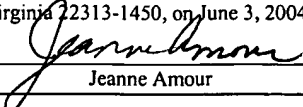


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 3, 2003 (Paper No. 1), for which a response was due on March 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Also included herewith are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Madin et al., *Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 97:559-64 (2000).

Exhibit B: Hendrickson et al., *EMBO J.* 9:1665-72 (1990).